



Events

We have one event in August and two in September:

- [Chilterns Art and Craft Show](#), Stonor Park, Friday 24th to Monday 27th August, 9.30am to 5.30pm. This is just a few miles north of Henley-on-Thames. Our stand is C19. About 250 exhibitors.
- [Weald of Kent Craft Fair](#), Penshurst Place, Tonbridge, Kent, Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September, 9.30am to 5pm. Stand F17, about 200 exhibitors.
- [Artist & Designer Fair](#), Buxton Pavilion Gardens, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. Free admission to this one. Usually about 40 exhibitors.

We will have our own stand at all 3 shows and lots of framed and unframed photographs, posters, books and more. Also some clearance and sample prints at reduced prices.

Landscape Photography Courses

Next courses:

- Glen Coe: 25th to 27th September
- Eskdale, Lake District: 3rd to 5th October.

Still places on both of these, each run in some of the most spectacular scenery in the UK.

Each of these offers 3 full days of practical photography, no classroom sessions, just 5 people with 2 tutors (Dave and Jan Butcher) in an enjoyable atmosphere.

Suitable for complete beginners to advanced photographers with both digital and film cameras. Overall, we help you to be more creative with your photographs, producing images with more impact. If interested book through davebutcher.co.uk. You can also do just 1 or 2 days in these locations if that suits you better.

For information, we have no plans to run the Glen Coe course again, preferring to run courses closer to our home in the Peak District. If you were thinking about booking this may be your only opportunity to go there with us. We know the mountains, glens and lakes there very well from our walking and photography trips over the years. As long as you don't mind walking the odd mile or two we will take you to some of the best locations in the area.

- Peak District 1 day landscape photography course: Saturday 20th October; more information on the web, or call me for a chat, or an email if you are interested.
- [Private courses](#): All courses can be run as private courses and prices for all locations are now [shown on the web site](#). So, if you can't make the dates in our programme or would like more attention than is possible in a group, or you have your own group then talk to us about what we can do for you.

[Darkroom Printing Courses](#)

The darkroom printing courses are £150 per place and include all paper and chemicals generously supplied free of charge by Ilford Photo. There are just 2 places on each course so you are assured of lots of attention during the day.

- Next available course is Saturday 17th November.
- [Private darkroom courses](#) also available, more details on the web site.

[New Photographs](#)

I have started to scan the Amsterdam images from July and the Orkney images from June. I'm concentrating more on cities than landscapes because of the new book (City Light, available in March 2012). I also found a Strasbourg image that I had overlooked adding to the web site. Another 11 images should be added in the next day or so and here is a taste of what they are like.

Stones of Stenness, Orkney



Magere Bridge and River Amstel at Night, Amsterdam



Amsterdam Canal Bridges at Night



Strasbourg Petite France Reflections at Night



Photo Tips

When we decided to go to Amsterdam in early July I had forgotten how late it would be before it went dark. It was 10.30pm before I was able to really start my night photography. That meant I was shooting way past midnight; not ideal as I need my beauty sleep (as anyone that's seen me

will know!). We had long days, leaving the hotel by 8.30am, spending the whole day walking and taking photos. That's about a 16 hour day. Another mistake was taking my Peli wheelie case for my camera gear. I hadn't realised all the streets and pavements in Amsterdam city centre area are either cobbled or block paving; not easy pulling a wheelie case over these surfaces. Jan pulled the case most of the time to save my back and her hands were sore after a few hours. I have some pictures for the new book though, hopefully it was worth it. So, to summarise the tips for this month: Do night photography in the winter then you can start at 4.30pm and finish by 7pm! Don't take a wheelie camera case to places that don't have smooth surfaces to pull them on.

Next Newsletter

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